

# **Exhibit C**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

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MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	:
AND LAW DEBENTURE TRUST COMPANY OF	:
NEW YORK,	:
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Plaintiffs,	:
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v.	:
	:
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION,	:
	:
Defendant.	:
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MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	:
	:
Plaintiff,	:
	:
v.	:
	:
PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP,	:
	:
Defendant.	:
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MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	:
	:
Plaintiff,	:
	:
v.	:
	:
MIKE J. HANSON & ERNIE J. KINDT,	:
	:
Defendants.	:

**MIKE J. HANSON & ERNIE J. KINDT'S JOINDER  
TO DEFENDANT NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION'S  
MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Mike J. Hanson & Ernie J. Kindt ("Hanson & Kindt") hereby joins (the "Joinder") in Defendant Northwestern Corporation's Motion for a Protective Order and Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion for a Protective Order dated February 2, 2006 (D.I. 55, 56 in C.A. No.

04-1494) (together, the "Motion"), and requests the relief sought therein, for substantially the same reasons set forth in the Motion.<sup>1</sup> Hanson & Kindt expressly reserve all rights to participate in additional briefing or argument on this matter.

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Wilmington, Delaware

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<sup>1</sup> Hanson & Kindt is filing this Joinder in the three above-captioned civil actions because, although no order has formally been entered, it understands that these cases have been consolidated for the purpose of discovery.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Denise Seastone Kraft, certify that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006, I caused true and correct copies of **Mike J. Hanson & Ernie J. Kindt's Joinder To Defendant Northwestern Corporation's Motion For a Protective Order** to be served on the parties listed below in the manner indicated.

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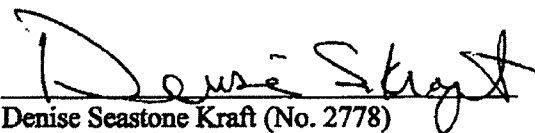
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